

Harbor Committee Minutes
April 5, 2011

Members present: Jerry Smith, Chair; Charles Meech, Tab Butler, Michael Childers, Gary Krubsack, and Gary Russell (11:15)

Members absent: Arnie Nelson, Tim Eldred, Alternate and Bob Kron, Alternate

Ex Officio present: Keith Sowl, Town Foreman

Teleconference: Jason Stangland, JJR

1. Call to order.

Harbor Committee meeting called to order on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 11:01 a.m. by Chair J. Smith. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in members listed above.

2. Review and approve the following Harbor Committee minutes:

A. March 8, 2011.

RE: Letter to Chuck May – J. Smith has not received the draft letter from Chuck May so that is on hold. J. Smith has sent him an email stating such.

Motion to approve March 8, 2011 minutes as presented, second, M. Childers, all in favor, 5 ayes, motion carried.

3. Discussion and/or recommendation to the Town Board of vouchers submitted for approval.

No vouchers submitted.

4. Discussion of Harbor Feasibility Study

Jason Stangland of JJR was available by teleconference for part of this agenda item.

After a lengthy discussion, agreement to set the date of stakeholder meetings for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 27th, 28th and 29th.

On day one JJR will begin with a kickoff meeting with the Harbor Committee. After that meeting JJR will conduct stakeholder interviews. JJR plans on conducting 8- 12 interview/meetings with various stakeholder groups. After the interviews JJR will meet with the Harbor Committee to discuss the input they have received. If more interview time is needed, interviews will be scheduled for the second day.

On the second and third day JJR will meet with the Harbor Committee to put information and concepts from the interviews on paper.

Discussion of the letter that will be sent to stakeholders, political groups, tribes, granting agencies and governmental groups. Suggestion that the letter could say that input is needed for a 25 - 50 year harbor plan and how that plan will affect the harbor area. Some of the questions JJR will ask the stakeholders could be included in the letter such as, do you want to see a harbor in front of town, behind the town? Do you have any improvements to the anchorage area? A map could also be included with the letter. The letters will be specific to the group they are sent (downtown businesses on the lakefront, stakeholders directly on the lakeshore, etc.)

J. Smith will draft a letter(s) and send a copy to JJR for their input and then to committee members. Jason has some sample letters he will send to J. Smith.

Agreement that letters should go out by Memorial Day.

Short discussion of where to conduct the interviews. Suggestions are the School, Town Hall, the Inn or Craftivity.

C. Meech suggested that phone calls should be made to stakeholders.

J. Smith will send a courtesy letter to the Waterways Commission who gave us the DNR boating grant.

K. Sowl will have addresses for the Tribes and regulatory agencies such as the DNR, Army Corp, EPA, Fish and Wildlife. Suggestion to also send a letter to the MI Wilderness Preserve.

T. Eldred could compile a list of the boaters in the special anchorage area. G. Krubsack can also help with this.

Political groups such as Ashland County, the Town Board, TPC, CAPP, City of Ashland, Washburn, Bayfield, Jauch, Brewley, Duffy, Kohl, Johnson will need to be contacted as well as funding agencies such as the DOT, Sea Grant, WI Coastal Management, Army Corp, Great Lakes Basin. Waggle will do the mailings.

The Committee should start talking to people, asking everyone to get their ideas together as to what they would like to see done or what they do not want done in regards to the harbor.

The RSVP procedure for stakeholders will be discussed at the next meeting.

Suggestion to hold the interviews at the school.

5. Grant Review

A. Wisconsin Coastal Management

B. Island Matching Fund

Not discussed.

6. Budget review.

No changes to the budget.

7. Set next meeting and agenda.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2011 at 11:00 AM. Main agenda item will be review of the letter.

8. Adjourn.

Motion by G. Russell to adjourn. All in favor, all aye.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Kathy Erickson, Clerical Assistant

Minutes approved as presented May 10, 2011